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ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN  
OF THE  
TOWN OF HOPKINTON,  
FOR THE YEAR 1848.

The Selectmen charge themselves with orders drawn on  
the Treasurer, amounting to.....\$4864 47

With cash from the county for support of paupers, ..94 84  
" " of the county on account of John Gould, 200 00  
" " for Railroad tax,.....144 08  
" " for show licenses,.....30 00  
" " for old bridge timber, .....3 50

476 42

\$5340 89

Accounted for as follows :

*Paid to Religious Societies.*

1 Congregational,.....27 41  
2 Congregational,.....1 25  
Calvinist Baptist,.....12 69  
Union Baptist,.....16 14  
Episcopal,.....8 07  
1 Universalist,.....5 95  
2 Universalist,.....10 46  
Methodist, .....6 03

\$88 00

*To School Districts.*

To District No. 1,.....101 04	To District No. 11,.....62 42
" " 2,.....50 16	" " 12,.....30 02
" " 3,.....54 40	" " 13,.....35 39
" " 4,.....46 98	" " 14,.....33 13
" " 5,.....26 84	" " 15,.....44 86
" " 6,.....42 74	" " 16,.....43 80
" " 7,.....56 52	" " 17,.....31 08
" " 8,.....38 50	" " 18,.....19 42
" " 9,.....36 38	" " 19,.....54 40
" " 10,.....102 10	" " 20,.....101 04

\$1011 22

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*To Superintending School Committee.*

To George W. Currier, .....	10 50	
" King S. Hall, .....	24 13	
" Cyrus M. Fisk, .....	7 46	
" Richard F. Morgan, .....	3 50	
		<hr/> \$45 59

*Trainfield Interest Money.*

To 2d Rifle company, .....	1 06	
" 3d company of Infantry, .....	1 06	
" 6th company of Infantry, .....	1 06	
" Cold Water Phalanx, .....	1 06	
		<hr/> \$4 24

*Militia.*

Paid for rations, .....	80 00	
" for services, .....	144 50	
		<hr/> \$224 50

*Pauper Account.*

Paid Abner C. Sargent, Superintendent, .....	250 00	
" for labor on farm, .....	41 05	
" for stock purchased, .....	48 00	
" for groceries, .....	9 30	
" to William Howe for support of Page Bruce, .....	33 14	
" to Dr. Sanborn for medical attendance, .....	4 70	
" to Dr. Wilson for advice, .....	1 00	
" to James Ash for support of Polly Kimball, .....	7 50	
" to Joseph Richardson for the same, .....	4 77	
" to Dr. Fisk, medical attendance to the same, .....	5 02	
" to Benjamin Loverin for support of Sarah Rich, .....	20 00	
" to Joshua Morse for coffin for Thaddeus Merrill, .....	3 00	
" to Moses Cross for digging grave for the same, .....	1 50	
" to Jeremiah Story for articles furnished T. Francis, .....	6 65	
" to Phebe Barton for support of Hiram Straw, .....	26 00	
" to Franklin R. Fuller for articles to Mrs. Blake, .....	1 47	
" to Dr. Tyler for services at pauper farm, .....	14 59	
" to Amos H. Davis, articles furnished John Gould and wife, .....	27 70	
" to Sylvester Gould for support of John Gould during life, .....	200 00	
		<hr/> \$705 39

*For Roads and Bridges.*

Paid George Choate—		
For 3 days work on highway, .....	3 00	
" 11 strings for bridges, .....	4 50	
" 3½ days work on road, .....	3 50	
Daniel Chase, 2d, for 975 feet plank, .....	6 82	
H. E. Perkins, for 1067 feet plank, .....	10 67	
" for use of wheels and scraper, .....	1 00	
John Burnham, 1344 feet plank, .....	13 44	
Abram Brown, 513 feet plank, .....	5 13	

Samuel Colby, for 176 loads gravel,.....	11 00
“ for timber and plank for bridge,.....	4 10
Enoch J. Chase, for 327 feet lumber, .....	3 27
“ for 2½ days work on bridge,.....	2 50
“ for 4 meals victuals,.....	50
James Livingston, for 10 days work,.....	7 50
“ for cart 2½ days,.....	62
“ for 170 feet plank,.....	1 70
Moses Tyler, for 2½ days work,.....	1 87
“ for use of plough half day,.....	25
Joseph Dow, for plank and repairing bridge,.....	1 75
“ for 6 lbs. spikes, .....	30
“ for paid Willard Clough for 2½ days,..	1 88
Washington McAlpine, for 1 days work,.....	75
Charles Tuttle, for 5 days work,.....	3 75
“ for job on the road, .....	1 00
“ for 184 feet plank,.....	1 84
“ for putting on the same,.....	1 25
I. D. Merrill, for 15¾ lbs. spikes, .....	78
Calvin Tyler, 2 days work on road,.....	1 50
Jacob K. Clark, for 12½ days work on the road,....	9 38
“ for cart and plough,.....	1 08
Isaac Dolby, for 2½ days work,.....	1 88
Rufus P. Copp, for 4 days work, .....	3 00
“ for cart, one day,.....	25
Joseph Falch, for 4 days work,.....	3 00
“ use of drills,.....	25
Gilman Fifield, for 3 days work,.....	2 25
Nathaniel Flanders, 2 days work,.....	1 50
Jonathan Eastman, for 1½ days work,.....	1 13
J. W. Dodge, for 1½ days work,.....	1 13
Daniel Pierce, for 2 days work, .....	1 50
John Smiley, for 108 feet plank,.....	86
Joseph Dow, for labor and paid for small jobs on the road, .....	14 33
Benjamin Hardy, for 6 days work,.....	4 50
Ozias Hardy, for 1 days work,.....	75
Silas Hardy, for 2 days work,.....	1 50
Jesse B. Hardy, for 2 days work,.....	1 50
Charles F. Annis, for 4 days work,.....	3 00
“ for cart 1 day,.....	20
George Smart, for 2 days work,.....	1 50
Nathan Long, for repairing road, .....	1 67
George W. Leslie, for 1 days work, .....	75
Samuel Ordway, for 2 days work, .....	1 50
J. F. Gage, for 7 days work,.....	5 25
“ for cart,.....	25
Joseph Putney, for 6 days work, .....	4 00
Samuel Bickford, for 1 day,.....	58
Joseph P. Nelson, for 6 days work,.....	4 50
S. B. Gage, for 2½ days work,.....	1 87
Benjamin Rollins, for 2 days work,.....	1 50
Nathaniel Kimball, for 1½ days work,.....	1 12



Amos Frye, for 5 days work, .....	3 50
“ for plough, .....	1 50
Jacob Weeks, for 450 feet plank, .....	4 50
“ for 2 lbs. of spikes, .....	10
Jeremiah Story, for 3 days work, .....	2 25
Isaac L. Hall, for 2 days work, .....	1 50
Nehemiah D. Sleeper, for 2 days work, .....	1 50
Seth Tuttle, for 3 days work, .....	2 25
Samuel Bradbury, for 2 days work, .....	1 50
Joseph Palmer, for 1 days work, .....	75
Moses Palmer, for 4 days work, .....	3 00
William Palmer, for 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ days work, .....	4 25
“ use of cart, .....	25
John Page, for 6 days work, .....	4 50
“ for cart, .....	25
Charles Lord, for 2 days work, .....	1 50
“ cart 1 day, .....	15
Azel Dunbar, for stone to cover bridge, .....	4 50
Rufus P. Flanders, for in part for building bridge, ..	133 00
Franklin R. Fuller, for 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ round iron for bridge, ...	1 36
	<hr/> \$345 76

*Debts against the town, paid.*

Lucy Leonard's notes and interest, .....	383 40
Joseph Richardson, note and interest, .....	322 75
Joab Patterson, note and interest, .....	231 64
Phebe Morse, note and interest, .....	26 81
Trueworthy Gilman, note and interest, .....	431 00
Margarette R. Merrill, note and interest, .....	125 11
Hannah Leonard, note and interest, .....	105 20
Elizabeth G. Knowlton, note and interest, .....	320 25
Interest on Phineas Clough's note, .....	18 00
Interest on Lucy Lerner's note, .....	22 20
	<hr/> \$1986 36

*Miscellaneous Payments.*

Paid H. E. Perkins cost of laying out road, .....	31 54
“ Horace Chase for professional services, .....	15 00
“ Francis P. Knowlton, services as Clerk, .....	12 00
“ for notifying jurors and other services, .....	5 78
“ Isaac Long for books and stationery, .....	12 95
“ Horace Edmunds for book, paper and services, ..	11 39
“ Lerner Female Charity fund, .....	25 00
“ counsel fees in post guide action, paid Ira Perley, ..	5 00
“ to settle the action, .....	5 00
“ care of town house, paid Timothy Chandler, ..	2 50
“ J. K. Clark for journeys to Concord and expenses, ..	2 25
“ I. D. Merrill for services as Treasurer, .....	18 00
“ insurance on buildings on pauper farm, .....	3 08
	<hr/> \$149 49

*Collection and Abatement of Taxes.*

Paid John Foss for collecting taxes, .....	28 00
Abatement of taxes, .....	50 09

Abatement of non-resident highway tax paid in labor, 46 19  
 Poll taxes refunded to Clement Beck and O. Rogers, 4 64  
 \$128 92

Cash paid Treasurer by selectmen,.....476 42

*Selectmen's Services.*

To Horace Edmunds—

1848.

March, half day on pauper business,.....	50
“ one day to Concord on account of lawsuit,...	1 00
“ half day making return of polls and appointing Treasurer,.....	50
“ one day preparing inventory books,.....	1 00
April, four and half days taking inventory,.....	4 50
“ one day appointing Superintending School Com- mittee,.....	1 00
“ two days preparing inventory,.....	2 00
“ two and a half days making taxes,.....	2 50
“ two days making warrants,.....	2 00
“ one day at the pauper farm,.....	1 00
“ one day appointing and making writings for Col- lector,.....	1 00
“ half day examining town securities,.....	50
“ one day making Collector's book,.....	1 00
“ one day giving out surveyor's warrants,.....	1 00
May, one and a half day making return of invoice for 1847 and 1848,.....	1 50
“ two days on Blackwater bridge,.....	2 00
“ one day making return to State and county treas- urers,.....	1 00
“ one day examining roads and bridges,.....	1 00
June, one day dividing school money,.....	1 00
“ four days recording taxes,.....	4 00
“ one day drawing orders and paying out money,.....	1 00
July, one day to Warner on pauper business,.....	1 00
August, one day examining roads and bridges,.....	1 00
“ one half day examining bridge by George B. Hardy's,.....	50
“ two days on Pond brook bridge and road,...	2 00
“ one day making articles and selling bridge,...	1 00
“ one day making out school orders,.....	1 00
“ three days on Concord road,.....	3 00
Sept., one day making bills and orders,.....	1 00
“ three days on Putney's hill road,.....	3 00
“ one half day attending jury meeting,.....	50
“ one day making bills and orders,.....	1 00
“ one day to Henniker to pay the soldiers,.....	1 00
Oct., one day making out county pauper account,...	1 00
“ two days making check list and warrant,.....	2 00
“ one day making pay roll of soldiers and making orders,.....	1 00
“ one day on road petition and other business,...	1 00
“ one half day on stone bridge by G. B. Hardy's,	50

Oct.,	two and a half days on same bridge,.....	2 50
Nov.,	one day making bills and orders,.....	1 00
"	one day paying orders and bills,.....	1 00
"	one day on road petition and pauper farm,.....	1 00
"	one day on petition of Sargent Colby, .....	1 00
Dec.,	one day revising jury box,.....	1 00
1849.		
Jan.,	one day on pauper business,.....	1 00
"	one day to Concord for railroad tax and money for paupers,.....	1 00
"	one day dividing parsonage interest money,..	1 00
"	one day making bills and orders,.....	1 00
"	one day to Concord to serve notice on railroad corporation,.....	1 00
"	one day on petition of S. Clarke and others,..	1 00
Feb.,	one day making bills and orders,.....	1 00
"	one day to get Concord money for Joseph Rich- ardson,.....	1 00
"	one day to pay the same, .....	1 00
"	two days making check list and warrants,....	2 00
"	three days recording bills and orders,.....	3 00
"	one day at the pauper farm,.....	1 00
"	one day settling with Collector, .....	1 00
"	one half day at jury meeting and preparing for settlement, .....	50
"	one day settling with committee,.....	1 00
		\$77 50

To Jacob K. Clark.  
1848.

March,	for carrying pauper to poor farm,.....	1 00
"	one half day making return of polls and appoin- ting treasurer,.....	50
"	one day preparing inventory book,.....	1 00
April,	four days taking inventory,.....	4 00
"	one day appointing superintending school com- mittee,.....	1 00
"	one day preparing inventory,.....	1 00
"	two days making taxes,.....	2 00
"	two days making taxes and surveyors warrants,	2 00
"	one day at pauper farm,.....	1 00
"	one day making writings for collector,.....	1 00
"	one half day examining town securities,....	50
"	one day making collector's book,.....	1 00
May,	one day giving out surveyor's warrants,.....	1 00
"	one and a half day making return of inventory for 1847 and 1848,.....	1 50
June,	one day dividing school money,.....	1 00
July,	one day examining Tyler's bridge and other roads, .....	1 00
Aug.,	one half day examining bridge by G. B. Har- dy's and setting up notices,.....	50
"	one day making articles and selling bridge,..	1 00



Sept.,	one day making school orders,.....	1 00
"	one day to Henniker to pay soldiers,.....	1 00
Oct.,	one day making county pauper account,.....	1 00
"	one day at Concord attending court,.....	1 00
"	two days making check list and warrants,....	2 00
"	one day making pay roll of soldiers and making orders, .....	1 00
"	one half day making writings for support of John Gould and wife,.....	50
"	one day on road petition and paying soldiers,..	1 00
Nov.,	two days on stone bridge by G. B. Hardy's,..	2 00
"	one half day on pauper account,.....	50
"	one day at poor farm and on road petition,....	1 00
"	one half day at Weare on pauper account,....	50
"	one day at Dunbarton on petition of Sargent Colby, .....	1 00
Dec.,	one day regulating jury box and making orders,	1 00
1849.		
Jan.,	one day dividing parsonage interest money,....	1 00
"	two journeys to Henniker on pauper account,..	1 50
Feb.,	one day making bills and orders,.....	1 00
"	one day to Concord to pay Gilman's note,....	1 00
"	one day settling accounts,.....	1 00
"	two days making check list and warrants,....	2 00
"	one day's work on Tyler's bridge,.....	1 00
"	one day at pauper farm appraising property,..	1 00
"	one day preparing bills and settling with collec- tor,.....	1 00
"	one half day at jury meeting and preparing for settlement, .....	50
"	one day at settlement with committee,.....	1 00
		\$48 50

1848.

- To Joseph Dow—

March,	for one half day making list of polls,.....	50
"	one half day making treasurer's bonds,.....	50
"	one day in relation to new road,.....	1 00
"	one day preparing inventory book,.....	1 00
April,	five days taking inventory,.....	5 00
"	two days preparing inventory,.....	2 00
"	three days making taxes,.....	3 00
"	two days making surveyor's warrants,.....	2 00
"	one day making collector's bond and at the pau- per farm,.....	1 00
"	one half day examining town securities,.....	50
May,	one day distributing surveyor's warrants,....	1 00
"	one day appointing surveyor and other business relating to paupers,.....	1 00
"	one day footing inventory and making return, .	1 00
June,	one day dividing school money,.....	1 00
July,	one half day in relation to the treasurer, ....	50
Aug.,	one day examining roads and bridges,.....	1 00
"	one day examining bridge near G. B. Hardy's, .	1 00

Aug.,	one day making writings and selling the building of the bridge,.....	1 00
Sept.,	one day at the stone bridge and drawing jurors,.....	1 00
"	one day paying soldiers,.....	1 00
Oct.,	one half day at stone bridge,.....	50
"	two days making check list and warrants,....	2 00
"	one day making pay roll and orders,.....	1 00
"	one day on petition of J. B. Ferrin and at stone bridge,.....	1 00
Nov.,	one day at pauper farm and on petition of J. Hoit, .....	1 00
"	one day settling bills,.....	1 00
"	one half day at stone bridge and settling with R. P. Flanders,.....	50
Dec.,	one half day at Mr. Edmunds',.....	50
"	one day on petition of Sargent Colby,.....	1 00
"	one day revising jury box and making orders,.....	1 00
"	one day contracting for plank for Tyler's bridge,.....	1 00
1849.		
Jan.,	one day dividing parsonage interest money,....	1 00
"	one day on petition of S. Clarke, 2d., and others, .....	50
"	one half day in reference to railroad notice,....	50
Feb.,	one half day on pauper business,.....	50
"	one day collecting and settling bills,.....	1 00
"	one day arranging bills and making,.....	1 00
"	one day on pauper business,.....	1 00
"	one half day on the same,.....	50
"	one day arranging bills for settlement,.....	1 00
"	one half day settling bills,.....	50
"	one day and a half making check list and warrant, .....	1 50
"	one day at pauper farm and appraising property, .....	1 00
"	one half day attending jury meeting,.....	50
March,	one day settling with committee,.....	1 00
		48 00
		174 00

*Recapitulation.*

Train-field interest money.....	\$4 24
Religious societies.....	88 00
Militia for rations.....	80 00
Militia for services.....	145 50
School districts.....	1011 22
Superintending School Committee.....	45 59
Support of paupers.....	705 39
Roads and bridges.....	345 76
Town debts paid.....	1986 36
Miscellaneous payments.....	149 49
For collection and abatement of taxes.....	128 92
Cash paid town treasurer.....	476 42
Selectmen for services.....	174 00

\$5340 89



We certify that we have examined the Selectmen's accounts, and find the same duly vouched and correctly cast, and that the foregoing is a true statement thereof.

PHINEHAS CLOUGH, }  
MATTHEW HARVEY, } *Auditors.*

Hopkinton, March 7, 1849.

*Selectmen's Report of the Pauper Establishment—Property appraised on the Pauper Farm.*

1 pair oxen .....	\$100 00
6 cows .....	120 00
4 steers .....	80 00
3 young cattle .....	25 00
26 sheep .....	40 00
4 shoats .....	21 00
20 tons English hay .....	180 00
Meadow hay and straw .....	30 00
60 bushels corn .....	54 00
12 " wheat .....	16 00
52 " oats .....	22 00
4 " beans .....	5 00
180 " potatoes .....	81 00
350 pounds beef .....	18 00
475 " pork .....	47 00
250 " hams and shoulders .....	23 00
50 " butter .....	9 00
425 " cheese .....	34 00
Vinegar and cider .....	5 00
4 barrels apples .....	6 00
3 " soap .....	2 00
Garden vegetables .....	2 00
60 pounds lard .....	6 00
50 " tallow and candles .....	5 00
160 " dried apples .....	8 00
Flour and meal .....	4 00
4½ pounds mixed stocking yarn .....	3 38
8 " rolls .....	2 50
18 yards flannel .....	9 00
16 " fulled cloth .....	11 68
6 pair feeting .....	2 00
Lot of lumber .....	30 00

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Amount of real estate, March 1, 1848 .....	\$3000 00
Personal property .....	1047 00
Interest on the same one year .....	242 82
Agents' compensation .....	250 00
Orders drawn on the treasury .....	98 35
Physician's bill .....	14 59
Digging grave .....	1 50
Insurance on buildings .....	3 08

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Accounted for as follows :

Amount of real estate March 1, 1849.....	\$3000 00	
Amount of personal property.....	1171 56	
Cash received of county for support of paupers	5 00	
Cash in agent's hand on settlement.....	27 28	
		<hr/> 4203 84
Balance against the establishment .....	\$453 50	

The average number of paupers supported on the farm the past year, about fourteen.

HORACE EDMUNDS,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Hopkinton.</i>
JACOB K. CLARK,	
JOSEPH DOW,	

## REPORT

### OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee in presenting this, their third annual Report to the Town, would observe, that the condition of our Schools, as a whole, has been gradually improving since our acquaintance with them; and we have been highly gratified to notice the prosperity that has attended the well directed efforts of *so many* of our teachers the past year. And here the question naturally arises, why have not *all* our Schools been alike prosperous? To enumerate all the causes which may have hindered the prosperity of some of them, would not, perhaps, be consistent with the limits of a report of this kind. But we believe we shall not be charged with departing from the legitimate line of our duty, if we take the liberty of animadverting on some of the causes, which we believe, to have contributed to such a result—a result fraught with so much injury to those, for whom, our schools are expressly intended,—our children.

Sufficient care has not, in every instance, been exercised by Prudential Committees in the selections of teachers. As a competent and faithful teacher is an essential requisite for a good school, none but such persons as possess these qualifications should, under any circumstances, be employed. With such a person to manage it, a school is, generally, prosperous; while on the contrary, a school under the management of an incompetent or unfaithful teacher, seldom proves successful.

Another thing essential to the well-being of a school, is a convenient and well ventilated School House, and although we have before, called the attention of the town to this important subject, there still seems to be too much apathy in regard to it; as several of the school houses are still in a wretched condition. We believe that, had the parents, in the Districts, in which they are situated, been

obliged to take the place of their children, and sit six hours each day, during the cold weather of the past season in them, they would not need to be reminded of the importance of applying a remedy.

In consequence of so great a variety of books, (especially reading books) and those frequently not adapted to the capacity of those who were obliged to use them, the progress of the scholars in some of the schools was greatly retarded. To obviate this evil, your Committee recommended a change of books in a few of the schools; substituting "Town's Series of Reading Books" for those then in use; and we believe, with decided advantage to the schools. We would recommend that Town's Series be introduced into all our schools where a change is needed.

It will be seen, by reference to the detailed report of the several schools, that but partial success attended the labors of a portion of our teachers, on account of their inexperience. The way is now opened for persons who wish to become teachers to qualify themselves for this responsible station.

"The Teachers' Institute is a school designed for the especial benefit of those who propose to teach." We hope that our teachers, especially the younger ones, will avail themselves of its advantages.

The Committee have noticed, with pleasure, the success, with which some of our female teachers have taught, the past winter; and they "would earnestly recommend the employment of competent females during the winter, in small districts. Their services can be obtained at a lower price, and the school will be much longer."

Your Committee have been greatly embarrassed in the discharge of their duties by Prudential Committees failing to perform the duties which the Statute requires of them. The Statute specifies that the Prudential Committees "shall notify the Superintending School Committee of the commencement of the Summer and Winter Schools, and give them all such information and assistance as may be necessary for the performance of their duties."

We take pleasure in testifying to the laudable interest, which was manifested by some of the parents in different sections of the town, in the welfare of their schools; and they could wish, that the same remark would apply with equal force to those in other portions. Until parents *do* become more interested in the prosperity of their schools, and lend their aid to teachers and others in the promotion of their best interests; we may hope in vain, to see them occupy that exalted position which every school should.

The following detailed Report of the several schools, (with the exception of the Summer Schools in District No. 10, 11, 16, 18 and 20—visited by Dr. C. M. Fisk, who was then a member of the Board, from whom no report has been received,) is herewith submitted.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.—SUMMER SCHOOL.

ANNA P. JOHNSON, TEACHER.

The School, although deficient in some respects, as a whole, appeared to good advantage. The teacher gained the good will of the scholars generally. Commendable progress was made in the several branches pursued, especially among the younger classes.



## WINTER SCHOOL.

GEORGE W. CURRIER, TEACHER.

Mr. C. is favorably known amongst us as an experienced and successful teacher. He possesses the ability of not only *instructing*, but *governing* his scholars. The school, under his judicious and faithful endeavors, made excellent proficiency in the main. He succeeded in greatly improving its general deportment. Such instruction and discipline are eminently calculated to advance the best interests of any school.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.—SUMMER SCHOOL.

Sarah A. Hyland taught with a good degree of interest and success. In her government, she was mild and decided. Though the School was not in all respects what it should have been, yet it had no serious defects. With more experience, Miss H. would become an able and successful teacher.

## WINTER SCHOOL.

LANGDON BROWN, TEACHER.

Though the School, from some cause or other, was not so prosperous as could have been desired, yet the Committee were pleased with the progress which some of the scholars made in their several studies, and with the good deportment they generally maintained. Had the teacher possessed more decision and energy, and been sustained by the hearty co-operation of the parents and those interested, he would doubtless have been more successful.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.—SUMMER SCHOOL.

ABBY BUXTON, TEACHER.

The School was managed with a good degree of skill and success. The general improvement and order were such as to reflect credit upon the teacher and scholars.

The Winter School was taught by William W. Bailey. The Committee were sorry to find on their second visit, most of the large scholars absent. Owing to this fact, it was difficult to calculate with any certainty, on the actual progress made. But from all they could see and learn, they judge it to have been commendable; and considering it his first attempt at school-teaching, are of the opinion that the teacher's success entitles him to favorable notice.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.—SUMMER SCHOOL.

LYDIA A. S. DODGE, TEACHER.

The Committee can speak of this School only in terms of commendation. The general progress appeared to have been good, and the order and discipline unexceptionable.

Stephen Sargent taught the Winter School. The Committee were pleased with the proficiency made by the pupils generally. By the harmonious action of the district, the same teacher has had charge of the School therein, for three successive winters; and we believe this to be one great reason of his success.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.—NO SUMMER SCHOOL.

Elizabeth K. Brown taught the Winter School. The examination

at its close was highly satisfactory to the Committee. The scholars were generally prompt and thorough. The government, mild and efficient.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.—SUMMER SCHOOL.

ANNETT MERRILL, TEACHER.

The general proficiency and appearance of the School were favorable. The teacher seemed mild, amiable, and devoted to its interests. If any failure, it was in respect to government, which more energy and firmness would have corrected.

Mary J. Dow instructed the Winter School. The School was small, and consisted mostly of small scholars. The progress in most of the studies pursued was commendable. If there *was some* want of firmness in discipline, we think it should be mainly attributed to the teacher's inexperience, this being her first effort of the kind.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.—SUMMER SCHOOL.

SARAH L. COLBY, TEACHER.

The teacher evidently desired and labored to promote the best interests of the school, and not without a measure of success. Some of the scholars made good improvement; and order and harmony appeared to have generally prevailed. With more experience, no doubt, Miss C. would become an interesting and successful teacher.

Henry S. Loveland took charge of the Winter School. The school, contrary to the expectations of the Committee, was in a great measure unsuccessful. Some of the scholars, it is true, made commendable progress, but in the school taken as a whole, there was apparently but little improvement. We are of the opinion that the teacher failed in the management of it; for not only the deportment of the scholars, but the *school room*, at our final examination, gave indubitable proof that the scholars had not been subject to such a state of discipline as was for their best interests.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

The Summer School was commenced by Martha P. Gage, and continued under her tuition about four weeks; when, by consent of the Prudential Committee, she left, and Sarah G. Knowlton was engaged to continue the remainder of the term. We think the evils usually attendant on a change of teachers were very visible in this school. The last teacher failed in maintaining proper discipline; and as a natural consequence, the progress made by her scholars, with a few exceptions, was not what it should have been.

The Winter School was kept by the same teacher, with somewhat better success. The teacher used her best exertions to advance the interests of her scholars; and had *all* the parents, who have an individual interest in the school, acted more upon the "golden rule" and seconded her efforts, her success, in our opinion, would have been *much more satisfactory*.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.—NO SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Winter School was taught by John M. Kimball. The improvement made in the school was fair. The larger scholars had

made greater progress than the smaller ones, who were not so well drilled in the elementary principles as could be wished.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.—SUMMER SCHOOL.—NO REPORT.

The Winter School was taught by Barlow Dyer. The same teacher had been employed in the school for three successive winters, with excellent success.

The classes, without exception, did themselves credit by their promptness, thoroughness and proficiency. Without detracting from the merit of other schools, we regard this as one of the best we have had the pleasure of visiting.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.—SUMMER SCHOOL.—NO REPORT.

Clinton W. Stanley taught the Winter School. This school is comparatively backward; especially in reading, in which they were poorly classed. A commendable degree of improvement was however made. The deportment of the scholars was very good.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.—NO SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Winter School was taught by J. Frank Bailey, with excellent success. His scholars evinced great thoroughness in all their studies. Reading by the first class, and the recitations by the first class in grammar and arithmetic, were highly satisfactory. The order and discipline were good.

#### DISTRICT NO. 13. SUMMER SCHOOL.

MARTHA P. GAGE, TEACHER.

The committee noticed nothing worthy of special remark. The school appeared in the main interested and prosperous.

#### WINTER SCHOOL.

ELLEN K. BROWN, TEACHER.

The efforts of Miss B. were crowned with encouraging success. The recitations by most of the scholars were good, and their demeanor showed that they had been under wholesome government.

#### DISTRICT NO. 14. NO SUMMER SCHOOL.

ANN J. PAGE, INSTRUCTRESS.

As this school was visited only once by the same member of the Committee, we cannot speak *positively* of the progress made. It is our opinion however that the advancement made in their studies by most of the pupils, was of a respectable character. The reputation of this school heretofore was not, we think, fully sustained by the present teacher.

#### DISTRICT NO. 15. SUMMER SCHOOL.

MARY E. L. POTTER, TEACHER.

The Committee not being informed of its commencement, the school was visited but once. Its appearance in the main, harmonious and prosperous; and from all they could judge, the teacher was usefully employed.

The Winter school was under the tuition of O. P. PITCHER. The teacher seemed mild, well disposed, and interested for the advancement and prosperity of the school; but was wanting in energy and decision; and as a necessary result, had little authority over his



scholars. With the exception of two or three, who manifested respect for themselves and others, they whispered, and moved about with impunity. Though some of the scholars made good proficiency, yet the school as a whole was unsuccessful.

#### DISTRICT NO. 16.

The Winter school was kept by CARLOS G. HATHORN. The term was very short; consequently the improvement made was not so great as though the school had been longer. The teacher appeared to have made a commendable effort to improve his scholars, which they duly appreciated.

#### DISTRICT NO. 17. NO SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Winter school was taught by LYDIA A. S. DODGE. The teacher succeeded in keeping her pupils interested in their studies through the term; and the progress made was such, as to reflect great credit on both teacher and scholars. The general deportment of the scholars indicated that the order and discipline had been of the right kind.

#### DISTRICT NO. 18. SUMMER SCHOOL.

No report.

No Winter school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 19. SUMMER SCHOOL.

ANN J. PAGE, TEACHER.

This school was managed with a degree of skill and success, highly creditable to both teacher and scholars. The recitations evinced promptness and thoroughness. The order and discipline of the school were good.

JOHN M. KIMBALL instructed the Winter school with a good degree of interest and success. Some of the scholars made excellent progress. It would tend greatly to improve the school, were its members generally better classed. The order and discipline generally good.

#### DISTRICT NO. 20. SUMMER SCHOOL.

No report.

#### WINTER SCHOOL.

WILLIAM F. HARVEY, TEACHER.

This school was not so prosperous as the Committee could have desired. The teacher, it appeared failed to gain the general respect and good will of the scholars; consequently little progress was made. Had his mode of government been less abrupt and arbitrary, it would have been more efficient and salutary.

Respectfully submitted,

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RICHARD F. MORGAN,	
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Hopkinton, March 7, 1849.



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## TABULAR STATEMENT.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.						WINTER SCHOOLS.					
No. of District.	Length of school in weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average No. of scholars.	No. of persons between 4 and 14 y'rs of age who have not attended school	Wages of teacher per month, exclusive of board.	Length of school in weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average No. of scholars.	No. of persons between 4 and 14 y'rs of age who have not attended school	Wages of teachers per month, exclusive of board.	
1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	60	50	7	\$8 00	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	65	50		\$16 00	
2	13	17	16	3	4 68	9	25	18		10 00	
3	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	20	16	2	5 00	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	26	15	3	10 00	
4	8	16	9	3	4 32	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	34	23		13 00	
5						10	20	16		8 00	
6	6	19	16		4 00	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	16		4 00	
7	8	26	22	4	4 00	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	44	32	4	15 00	
8	12	20	17	4	5 00	6	25	20		8 00	
9						8	26	22		14 00	
10						9 $\frac{3}{4}$	76	65		18 00	
11						10	34	24		11 00	
12						7	17	12		11 00	
13						8	20	14		8 00	
14						12	18	16		8 00	
15	8	18	15	6	5 00	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	38	26		14 00	
16						5	34	28		13 00	
17						15	17	9	1	4 50	
18											
19	10	25	20	4	8 00	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	42	35	2	13 00	
20						10	55	39	8	13 33 $\frac{1}{2}$	